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1. CHINA

AT MONDAY BANQUET SPEECH HONORING VISITING LAO PREMIER, HUA KUO-FENG INDICATED CURRENT PRC POLITICAL DEBATE WILL NOT AFFECT COUNTRY'S DAILY AFFAIRS. ACCORDING NCNA, HUA SAID CURRENT 'REVOLUTIONARY MASS DEBATE...IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, LITERATURE AND ART AND OTHER FIELDS' IS 'CONTINUATION AND DEEPENING' OF GPCR (REUTER HK 3/15).

NCNA INDICATES EFFORT WILL BE MADE ONCE AGAIN TRY 'SAVE' TENG HSIAO-PING, IN LINE WITH MAO'S TEACHING (AP PHINQ, SUN). SUGGESTS TENG MAY BE GIVEN CHANCE
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REPENT, REMAIN IN OFFICE (WP).

PEOPLE'S DAILY FINDS WHOLLY JUSTIFIED SADAT'S DECISION TO TERMINATE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP/COOPERATION

(REUTER PEKING). TIME MAG SAYS AERIAL RECON HAS SHOWN SOVIET, CHINESE TROOPS CLASHED IN RECENT MONTHS IN SAME BORDER AREA WHERE FIGHTING OCCURRED IN 1969 -- BUT FIGHTING BEING HUSHED UP BECAUSE SOVIETS DON'T WISH ADVERTISE IT WHILE TRYING ASSESS MURKY IDEOLOGICAL

STRUGGLE STILL GOING ON IN PRC (CSM). NCNA CHARGED MONDAY THAT SOVIET SPIES HAVE STEPPED UP ACTIVITIES IN US, MOSCOW CONDUCTING ESPIONAGE THROUGH STUDENTS, VISITING GROUPS SENT TO US, AND THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS (REUTER HK).

IN WEEKEND HC CAMPAIGNING, PRES FORD REVEALED NUMBER US TROOPS IN TAIWAN WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY REDUCED AS PART OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORT IMPROVE RELATTONS WITH PRC,BUT MAINTAINED US WILL CONTTNUE HAVE "SOME" FORCES ON ISLAND. FORD SAID 10,000 US TROOPS THERE WHEN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE SIGNED, ABOUT 3,000 THERE NOW AND FIGURE WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED. INSISTED REDUCTIOH ACHIEVED "OPENLY, NOT SECFETLY," IS PART OF WHAT PROMISED IN 1972 AHD CHANGED PACIFIC MIL CIRCUMSTANCES (SN 3/14).

2. THAILAND

WP REPORTS US SPY BASE AT RAMASUN STUMBLING BLOCK AS WHITEHOUSE, CHATICHAT FAIL BREAK IMPASSE OVER RTG DEMANDS FOR CONTROL US BASES, MIL PERSONNEL.

FOR 5 MOS, 70 THAI WOMEN HAVE LOCKED BOSSES OUT OF CLOTHING FACTORY IN PROTEST AGAINST LOPAY, POOR WORKINY CONDITTONS. PRODUCTION CONTINUES WITH INCOME ALLOCATED FOR EXPENSES, SALARIES;WORKERS EARN MORE, SELL CLOTHING CHEAPER; HELPED BY RADICAL STUDENT GROUP, SOCIALIST PARTY; OCCASIONALLY HARASSED BY POLICE, MANAGEMENT-HIRED THUGS. PLANT SEIZURE ILLEGAL, BUT EFFORTS BY GOVT, MANAGEMENT, WORKERS SETTLE MATTER HAVE FAILED (AP, LAT 3/15).

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3. BURMA/THAILAND

LONDON COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT LO ERS ESTTMATE 1975-6 WORLD RICE PRODUCTION MARGINALLY TO 341.7 MILLION TONS DUE MINOR REVISIONS BURMESE, ITALIAN HARVESTS. CS NOTES 1976 TRADE ACTIVITY REMAINS LOW,WITH SOME SIGNS INCREASED THAI BUSINESS (JOC).

4. INDOCHINA

DANISH GOVT HAS DECIDED LET 200 VN WAR ORPHANS REMAIN DENMARK LONG AS THEY WISH, PREMIER JOERGENSEN ANNOUNCED TUESDAY, REVERSING EARLIER DECISION SEND

THEM BACK VN AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT (REUTER COPENHAGEN).

5. PHILIPPINES

FORD OF BRITAIN WINS 2 MILLION DOL DEAL PROVIDE METRO-MANILA TRANSIT AUTHORITY 200 SPECIALLY-DESIGNED BUS CHASSIS (JOC).

6. TIMOR

UN REPORT ON TIMOR DISPUTE SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY INHABITANTS BEING CONSULTED ON FUTURE STATUS COLONY (REUTER UN 3/15).

7. MARIANAS

IN UN DOCUMENT, US DENIES CONCLUSION POLITICAL UNION WITH ISLANDS IS ACT OF COLONIALISM (REUTER UN 3/15).

8. JAPAN

V-MIN JUS SHIONO, TWO AIDES, LEFT TOKYO MONDAY, FOR WASHINGTON. WILL WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH US LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ON LATE LOCKHEED BRIBE DATA (REUTER, CHITRIP; JAMESON, LAT, ALSO PHINQ). SCHEDULED MEET SEC'S HILLS TUESDAY (WSJ).
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TAX AGENCY SEIZED KODAMA ASSETS MONDAY, WHEN FAILED PAY BACK TAXES ASSESSED ON UNREPORTED INCOME FROM LOCKHEED BY MAR 15 DEADLINE (WP; CSM; WSJ; REUTER, CHITRIB).
UNLESS FILES PROTEST, ASSETS WILL BE FROZEN PENDING VERDICT TAX EVASION CHARGES (AP, NYT).

JAMESON (LAT 3/14) SAYS KODAMA ASSESSED 4.96 MILLION DOLS BACK TAXES, FOR THREE YEARS 1970-1972. LESS THAN TOTAL ASSETS, BUT KODAMA HAS ONLY 4.6 MILLION DOLS IN BANK ACCOUNTS. FOURTH LARGEST TAX-EVADER JAPAN'S HISTORY. TAX OFFICE MOBILIZED 200 INVESTIGATORS, ABOUT ONE-THIRD NATIONAL STAFF, TO CHECK KODAMA RECORDS IN 117 BRANCHES OF 53 BANKS, SEVEN HOMES, EIGHT OFFICES.

JAMESON (IN PHINQ) ALSO CITES PUNGEI SHUNJU MONTHLY MAGAZINE ALLEGATION THAT 14 CHECKS WORTH 1.6 MILLION DOLS 'LOST' TOKYO BY LOCKHEED OFFICIALS, AS PRETEXT 'LAUNDER' FUNDS FOR 1972 NIXON CAMPAIGN. AUTHORED BY TAKASHI TACHIBANA, WHOSE EXPOSE, IN SAME MAGAZINE, OF SHADY FINANCIAL DEALINGS LED TO FALL TANAKA GOVT 1974.

WSJ SAYS JAPANESE POLICE REPORTED INVESTIGATING LOCKHEED PAYOFF CHANNEL IN HK. OFFICIALS DECLINE GIVE DETAILS.

ID CORP S KATAYMA SATD MONDAY RETURNED JAPAN 'VOLUNTARILY,'
TO PROVE DID NOTHING "ILLEGAL AND UNJUST" (AP, NYT).
TOLD TOKYO PRESS SIGNED BLANK RECEIPTS FOR LOCKHEED
OFFICIALS IN HK EARLY 1974. WAS TOLD WERE FOR
INTERNAL ACCOUNTING PURPOSES SWITZERLAND, WOULDN'T
LEAVE THAT COUNTRY. RECEIVED 72,000 DOL FEE FO STGNGING.
ALSO SAID WOULD TESTIFY IN DTET (WSJ).

JAMESON (LAT 3/13) REPORTS REACTIONS TO FO,D RESPONSE
MIKI. DEP PM FUKUDA SAID CONDITIONS 'MORE SEVERE THAN
EXPECTED.' MIKI AIDE DESCRIPED AS "SMACKING OF THE OLD
BIG BROTHER COMPLEX...WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT TALK
ABOUT JAPAN BEING AN EQUAL PARTNER.' AMEMBASSY OFFICIAL
ADMITTED -DIDN'T EXPECT THIS KIND OF A REACTION,"
ACKNOLEDGED US -- INADVERTANTLY -- LOOKS LIKE ACKING
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COVERUP IN JAPAN. SYG NAKASONE SAID, "WITH EVERYBODY
UNDER SUSPICION, LDP MEMBERS CAN'T EVEN MAKE SPEECHES,'
IN PREPARATION FOR ELECTION THAT MUST BE HELD BY YEAR
END. NOTES AMEMBASSY NOT CONSULTED BEFORE INGERSOLL
OUTLINED CONDITOMS IN HILL TESTIMONY. WTTH NO ONE
SURE HOW RESOLVE DILEMNA FACING BOTH GOVTS, ONE
JAPANESE LEADER SUGGESTS "PLANNED LEAK" TO PRESS AS
BEST WAY OUT.

KODAMA'S 'POSH HOME' NOW BIG STGHT-SEEING ATTRACTION.
POLICE ASSIGNED CONTROL TRAFFIC JAMS NEARPY, AS
2,000 RUBPER-NECKERS VISITED AREA SUNDAY, POSED FOR
PICTURES AT GATE (SUN, TOKYO).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS JDA MAY DELAY JET-FIGHTER PURRHASE
MISSION TO US, BECAUSE OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL. TEAM WAS
DUE START 50-DAY VISTT APRIL 23, TO STUDY GRUMMAN'S
F-14 TOMCAT, MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS' F-15 EAGLE, GENL
DYNAMICS' F-16.

SEIDEN (SUN) PROFILES LOU ANN REID, WHO WORKS AT CHURCH
NEAR KOBE AND FEELS 'KIND OF NEAT" BE FOURTH-GENERATION
MISSIONARY. BOTH PARENTS BORN THTO MISSIONARY FAMILIES,
CHINA. ALSO REVIEWS EFFORTS OF FRANCIS XAVIER,
OTHER EARLY PROPAGATORS OF FAITH.

MOF SAID MONDAY JAPAN RECORDED 58 MILLION DOL VTSIBLES
TRADE SURPLUS FEBRUARY, COMPARED 1.1 BILLION DOL DEFICIT
JANUARY (P).

CHITRIB RUNS 'PI PHOTO OF HIROHITO TOASTING HUSSEIN
AT STATE BANQUET TOKYO, MONDAY.

LAYLAND DECLINES HALT MINICAR EXPORTS JAPAN, EVEN THOUGH

FATLED MEET EMISSION STANDARDS DUE COME INTO EFFECT

APRIL 1 (WP).

HITACHI METALS SET UP NEW FIRM, HITACHI METALS INTL
(WHITE PLAINS, NY). WILL CONTROL HITACHI STEEL TRADE
IN US, CANADA, MEXICO (JOC).
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TAIHETYO LIONS MONDAY SAID COULD NOT WAIT FOR LEO
DUROCHER RECOVER FROM ILL HEALTH, NAME NEW MANAGER
(CHITRIB).

9. KOREA

SK RC COUNCIL OF BISHOPS DENIES CHARGES SEVENPRIESTS
CONSPIRED OVERTHROW PARK GOVT (P).

NYT'S HALLORAN, IN SEOUL, SAYS INTENSE SECRECY SHROUDING
SK EXPLORATION FOR OIL LEADS FOREIGN OIL MEN DOUBT
IT EXISTS IN ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE QUANTITIES. WHOLE
OPERATION TAKEN OVER BY KCIA, ACCORDING DIP, OIL SOURCES.
CITES GEOLOGIST FAMILIAR WITH AREA WHO SAID PRES PARK
"TOOK POETIC LICENSE/ JANUARY, WHEN ANNOUNCED SEVERAL
DRUMS OIL EXTRACTED NEAR POHANG -- "HAD TO BE VERY
SMALL DRUMS." ALSO NOTES SPECIALTATON PARK TOLD PRESS
ABOUT POHANG OIL TO PROD JAPAN INTO RATIFYING
CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT.

10. LOS

THIRD LOS CONFERENCE OPENED MONDAY AT UN, UNDER
TIGHT SECURITY. SPOKESMAN SAID 5,000 DELEGATES FROM 144
MEMBER NATIONS, 12 OTHER NATIONS, REGIONS, EXPECTED TAKE
PART IN SESSION DUE LAST UNTIL MAY 7. USDEL HAS 100
MEMBERS (UPI, NYDN). CEREMONY MINIMAL AS CONFERENCES
PLUNGED DIRECTLY INTO WEEKS' GRUELING NEGOTIATIONS
(AP, SUN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

SUN (3/14) STATES PRES FORD'S COMMITMENT FREE TRADE FACES
SEVERE TEST, IN DECIDING TTC RECOMMENDATION RAISE IQ'S
ON STAINLESS, SPECIALITY STEEL IMPORTS. NOTES CERTAIN
INDUSTRIES, ESPECIALLY STEEL, DEPRESSED, EVEN THOUGH
US RAN UP RECORD 11 BILLION DOL FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE
LAST YEAR. STATES THIS HARDLY MOMENT LET WORLD
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ECONOMY RETREAT FROM GOAL OF FREER TRADE. SUGGESTS
ONE WAY OUT MIGHT BE GIVE STEEL INDUSTRY" SOME RELIEF"
ON "INFORMAL BASIS" ACCEPTABLE US TRADING PARTNERS, ALONG

LINES RECENT VOLUNTARY ACTION BY JAPANESE, GERMAN,
BRITISH, TO RAISE STEEL PRICES CLOSE US DOMESTIC
LEVEL, AND, IN CASE JAPAN, HOLD DOWN APR-JUNE EXPORTS.

12. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

REUTERS ROGERS AT BANGKOK NOTES MILLIONS VOTERS
PREPARE FOR ELECTIONS WITH SHARPLY CONTRASTING STYLES
IN THAILAND, VN, CAMBODIA. NOTES ELECTIONS DUE IN
LAOS IN APRIL NOW POSTPONED TTH NO DATE FIXED. COMMENTS
CAMBODIAN, VNESE ELECTIONS APPEAR DESIGNED CONSOLIDATE
POWER OF WELL-ENTRENCHED COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES; ONLY
IN THAILAND WILL POLLING BE ALONG WESTERN DEMOCRATIC
LINES, WITH OUTCOME CONSIDERED BY MANY MAJOR TEST
COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT.

13. GENERAL

GLOBE (3/14) CRITICIZES SECSTATE FOR LAMENTING LACK
NATL UNITY IN FOREIGN POLICY, SAYS SEEMS BLIND
TO FACT CLOSELY-HELD STYLE CONTRIBUTES TO DISCORD.
BELIEVES PARTIALLY EXPLAINS WHY SO LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE
DEBATE, SO MUCH CRITICISM, DIRECTED AT HAK. WISHES PUBLIC
HAD SOME IDEA US ASIAN GOALS. NOTES PRC APPEARS HAVE
GAINED LITTLE BY COMMUNIST SEA VICTORIES. SAYS CLEAR
US ANXIOUS KEEP JAPAN, SK IN WESTERN ORBIT, YET WE PURSUE
POLICIES THAT WOULD UNDERMINE AIM: IN SK, SUPPORT
DICTATORIAL REGIME; IN JAPAN, WE HASTENED MOVE RAPIDLY
TO UNDO SOME OF DAMAGE FROM LOCKHEED SCANDAL,
"OBVIOUSLY" HAVE NO INTENTION PROVIDE MATERIAL GOJ
SEEKS. CONCLUDES PARK MAY BE SETTING STAGE FOR EVENTUAL
COMMUNIST CONQUEST SK; AND IN JAPAN, OUR ATTITUDE ON
LOCKHEED INFO CAN ONLY DAMAGE DEMOCRACY WE CULTIVATED,
ARE S'ORN TO PROTECT. KISSINGER

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